

# ROCKEFELLER WILLING BUT VERY IGNORANT

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William Rockefeller, who had been sitting behind his brother, came forward in response to a signal, and sat by the side of John D. John D. Archibald sat beside William Rockefeller, and grouped around them were C. M. Pratt, secretary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey; William P. Howe and F. C. Barstow, assistant treasurers of the company; Charles T. White, assistant secretary; J. A. Moffat, president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana; W. P. Cowan, vice president, and I. W. Stahl, secretary and treasurer of the same corporation. Other witnesses in the group were H. E. Felton, president, and W. M. Hutchinson, secretary and treasurer of the Union Tank Line, and a number of attorneys completed the group.

Before the hearing of the Standard Oil company case began, Judge Landis disposed of several other matters, among them the sentencing of several prisoners for violation of the postal laws.

Mr. Rockefeller showed great interest in these proceedings, listening intently to every word.

When the Standard Oil investigation case was called the attorneys for the company, together with Pratt, stepped forward to the front of Judge Landis' desk. Here Attorneys Miller and Rosenthal of counsel for the company made an earnest plea that Mr. Rockefeller be excused from the stand. They explained to the judge that he could give no information that could not be better obtained from some other source. He declared that he could, in fact, tell nothing of what the judge desired to know.

The judge, however, refused to vacate the subpoena and insisted that Mr. Rockefeller, being in court, he should take the stand and testify to the best of his ability.

**Attorney Miller Objects.**

Attorney Miller for the company offered the objection to the testimony of Mr. Rockefeller that they were entirely outside the jurisdiction of the court.

Judge Landis overruled the motion. Mr. Miller then declared that the defense object to every question put to every witness during the proceedings. The court replied:

"Watch and you will see that every objection is overruled and an exception allowed."

Frederick A. Wenn, the former general freight agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad, was then called and questioned regarding the rate at which oil should have been shipped from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis, from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis, was excused and Harry E. Felton, president of the Union Tank line, took the stand.

He was asked if he knew anything about the payment of money to the Union Tank line before the Chicago & Alton for the use of its cars during the period covered by the indictments in the trial recently closed.

The witness said that the railroad company paid to the Tank Line company three-quarters of a cent for the hauling of both empty and loaded cars. He was asked by Judge Landis, "Does the Union Tank Line company own these cars that are used in the transportation of oil?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know whether its stock is owned by any other company?"

"The major portion of the stock of the Union Tank line is owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey."

"What proportion of its stock?"

"Oh, by far the largest, the controlling interest in it."

"What is the outstanding capital stock of the Union Tank Line company?"

"The original investment was \$2,500,000, but it is in debt \$5,000,000 on top of that. It has not paid a dividend since 1901."

"Is that due to the mismanagement of your predecessor?"

"No, sir; it is due to the fact that there is no money in running as an investment tank cars at three-quarters of a cent a mile."

**Mr. Rockefeller Called.**

This concluded the testimony of Mr. Felton, and as he left the stand Judge Landis called:

"John D. Rockefeller."

Mr. Rockefeller rose briskly from his seat and walked rapidly toward the witness stand. At the conclusion of the oath, and in response to the usual question as to whether he would tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, he bowed his head in affirmation and said:

"I do."

The witness was questioned by Judge Landis. He spoke with much deliberation, pausing frequently and carefully before he gave them. Many of them were uttered in so low a tone that they were inaudible ten feet from his chair. Before making a reply to the questions of the court the witness almost invariably fixed his eyes upon his attorneys as if waiting to see whether or not they desired to interpose objections. Once satisfied on this point he answered promptly.

The first question put by Judge Landis was:

"Mr. Rockefeller, have you any official connection with the Standard Oil company of New Jersey?"

"I am the president, but the position is purely honorary; has been for the last eight or ten years, as I have not been rendering any service whatever."

"Do you know what the outstanding capital stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey is?"

**Doesn't Know Much.**

Before the witness could answer Attorney Miller offered an objection that the court had no right or power to inquire into the matter, and that the method employed in obtaining it amounted to an unreasonable search within the provisions of the fourth amendment of the constitution of the United States.

Judge Landis overruled the objection, and the witness replied:

"I think that it is about \$100,000,000, the outstanding I could not state definitely, your honor."

"Approximately \$100,000,000?" asked the court.

"That is my idea, yes, sir, approximately \$100,000,000 of the outstanding."

"Generally speaking, what is the business of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in the production, distribution and sale of oil?"

"Well, your honor, as I have been so

long out of business, and out of their business, it is a dozen years since I have been at all actively related with the affairs of the company. It is eight years, your honor, since I have been in the office at all."

"What is your general impression as to what the business of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey is?"

"They have a refinery and refine oil. That was the yes—it would be impossible for me to give—to make an answer to that question intelligently without a study of the case."

"Have you an impression as to whether or not the Standard Oil company of New Jersey operates indirectly more than one oil refinery?"

Attorney Miller objected to this question as going beyond the right of any statement regarding either the information desired by the court or the purpose of that information which, he said, he understood had to do with the fixing of a fine. He declared that it had been widely published that the government had a purpose in the present investigation to develop evidence for another case on trial in Missouri.

"What do you mean by 'purpose'?" asked Judge Landis sharply.

"I use the words I have seen in the newspaper," said the attorney.

"What do you mean by your use of the words 'the government'?"

"I wish to state that the government has nothing to do with this inquiry."

**Ignorant About Refineries.**

Attorney Miller replied that he had intended no insinuation, but believed that the present investigation should not invade a case where the government is prosecuting the Standard Oil company in another state than Illinois, and where the information was not of importance in connection with the case at issue before Judge Landis. The court declared that he was seeking to ascertain the wealth of the corporation holding the stock of the Standard Oil company of Indiana which was recently convicted of rebating. The questioning of Mr. Rockefeller was then resumed by the judge.

"Have you any recollection, Mr. Rockefeller, that the Standard Oil company of New Jersey is engaged in the refinement of oil in more than one refinery you have referred to?"

"I do not know what refineries there are. The refining business has grown up since my touch with its active operation."

"So that you don't know?"

"I could not tell. I only know of the operation of refineries that are in New Jersey by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey."

"Do you know of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey being interested in the operation of any other refineries through and in the name of the corporation whose stock is held by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey?"

"That, I presume, is so."

"Is the business of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, generally speaking, the production and refining of oil?"

"The production, the refining and the sale of oil, that is an important feature of the business of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey."

"Beyond that, what is its occupation?"

"I could not say; I do not think it would be proper to say that it has occupation in administering refineries."

The witness made quite a pause then turning his eyes slowly upon the judge, remarked, "You are rather technical."

"Substitute the word business for the word occupation. Beyond the production and refining of oil, has the Standard Oil company of New Jersey any other business?"

"I should say not, strictly speaking."

"Do you know what the dividends of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey were during the years of 1903, 1904 and 1905?"

**Approximates the Dividends.**

"I don't know, your honor, exactly, but approximately about 40 per cent of the outstanding stock. I would not undertake to speak absolutely definitely, but that is a close approximate."

"Do you know what the net earnings of the Standard Oil company were during these years?"

"I do not."

District Attorney Sims then asked Mr. Rockefeller if he was familiar with the circumstances surrounding the organization of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, but Judge Landis declared that he did not care for the information.

The court then asked the witness what officer of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey would be able to tell him the amount of the net earnings of the company during the years 1903, 1904 and 1905.

The witness replied:

"I really do not think I could tell you. Undoubtedly one of the gentlemen subpoenaed is here present who could."

Judge Landis said that Secretary Pratt of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and other officials were present in the court, and asked Mr. Rockefeller if he or any of the others could give the desired information.

"I should think so, sir."

The court then said: "Then call Mr. Pratt. That is all for the present, Mr. Rockefeller."

The witness, instead of leaving the chair, sank back into it as though he intended to remain there. A bailiff stepped up and told him that his examination was concluded and that he could leave the stand. Mr. Rockefeller then rose and walked briskly to the seat he had occupied before being called.

Charles M. Pratt, the secretary of the company, who followed Mr. Rockefeller upon the stand, was asked by the judge if the estimate given by Mr. Rockefeller as to the outstanding capital stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was about \$100,000,000.

The witness replied:

"I think it is not quite that. It is about \$88,200,000. Something like that. That is within a few dollars of the amount."

"Did you hear his statement as to the approximate amount of dividends paid by the company during the years 1903, 1904 and 1905?"

"He was uncertain as to the exact amount. He stated 40 per cent."

"I think that was correct, your honor. That was the average," your honor.

"Do you remember the net earnings of the company during those three years?"

"I do very clearly, your honor. I think for the first year they were \$31,300,000, approximately. This was 1903."

"Now for 1904?"

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"For 1904, as near as I remember, I should say they were \$31,500,000."

"And in 1905?"

"A trifle over \$57,000,000, as near as I can remember."

"Now, generally speaking, is the capital represented by the outstanding stock something under \$100,000,000 of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey employed in the refinement, distribution and sale of the products of petroleum?"

"Oh, your honor, the properties are worth vastly more than that."

"That is what the capital employed in it is?"

"It is."

Confirmed by Pratt.

"Can you tell me what part of the capital stock of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, if any, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey owns?" Judge Landis asked of Secretary Pratt.

"The Standard Oil company of Indiana stock, as I understand it, your honor, is held by individuals, corporate stockholders of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey."

"How much of it?"

Judge Landis then asked Secretary Pratt if he understood that of the capital stock of \$1,000,000 of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, 436 shares were held by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. The witness replied:

"I think approximately that percentage of the stock is controlled by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey."

"At the present time?"

"I think so."

"What proportion of the stock of the Union Tank Line company is owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey?"

"I do not recall the proportions, but I think it controls a majority of the stock."

Following the examination of Mr. Pratt, E. M. Stanton, superintendent of car service, was called to the stand. His testimony was unimportant.

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"I believe the opportunities for acquiring wealth in this country are greater than ever before. The present prosperity will continue and will increase."

While waiting for the train Mr. Rockefeller joked about his being called a "monopolist" and talked about everything except the federal court and the Standard Oil company.

SHOULD GO TO JAIL.

**W. J. Bryan's Idea of Rockefeller's Punishment.**

Chicago, July 6.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Warsaw, Ind., says: "Send John D. Rockefeller and a dozen other trust magnates to prison for a long term of years, and one of the most vital questions before the people of this country will have been solved," declared William Jennings Bryan yesterday at a banquet given in his honor by Dr. Sol C. Dickey, president of the Winona lake assembly.

"President Roosevelt and others are now bringing to a successful issue the strike of \$1,000,000 in the stock of the Standard Oil company," Mr. Bryan continued. "This is particularly so in the case of the tariff. The president is compiling my future speeches for me."

Mr. Bryan took a fling at the president's cabinet, saying that there was not a man in it who agreed with Roosevelt. Referring to the controversy between the United States and Japan, Mr. Bryan, who during his trip around the world, visited the eastern empire, said a little more bookish at Washington would settle the differences for all time to come without a conflict between the two nations.

"Japan will follow in the path of Spain and other nations once powerful unless there is a religious awakening in that country," he said. "There is one thing that can save Japan, and that's the spread of Christianity."

PAPA IS PERSECUTED.

**Daughter of Mr. Rockefeller Praises Her Father.**

Chicago, July 6.—Mrs. Harold F. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, yesterday discussed her father's visit to Chicago.

"My father is a much persecuted man," said Mrs. McCormick. "It seems the more remarkable, inasmuch as he is not an enemy to anybody in the world. He is one of the most genial and great hearted men in this whole world. He lives in the clouds with his God rather than with worldly things. It is his greatest pleasure to promote happiness among those with whom he comes in contact."

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